Brackish water prawn Hatchery in Maharashtra

1330. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased o state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have repeatedly requested Government to set up a modren Brackish Water Prawn Hatchery in the State; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not according sanction to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Government of Maharashtra have sought for setting up of a Shrimp Seed Hatchery under the UNDP Project.

(b) The UNDP Project has a provision for setting up of a total of five pilot Brackish water Fish Farms and five pilot Shrimp Seed Hatcheries in the country so that atleast one Hatchery or one Farm under UNDP Project is located in each of the maritime States. The selection of sites for these farms and hatcheries has been made on the recommendations of the UNDP experts according to which one UNDP pilot farm has been selected for Maharashtra. The Government of Maharashtra have been informed accordingly.

Cooperative sugar mills in the country

1331. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the success achieved by cooperative sector sugar mills in providing assured income and fair return to sugar-cane-producers in Maharashtra, Government propose to promote cooperative sugar mills in other cane-growing areas of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and other States; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) According to the policy guidelines issued for licensing in the Sugar Industry during the Seventh Five Year Plan, first priority is given to the cooperative sector for setting up new sugar mills. Second priority is given to the public sector and lastly to the private sector.

In keeping with this policy, out of 20 letters of intent issued so far under the revised policy, 14 letters of intent have been given to the cooperative sector.

Welfare of primative tribes

1332. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the primitive tribals living in Orissa and Bihar;

(b) the population of those tribes, tribes-wise;

(c) the schemes sponsored by the Centre for their upliftment; and

(d) the amount provided to the State Governments under those schemes in the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed [*See* below).

(c) Special Central Assistance is given to the States for taking up various family oriented programmes in sectors like Agriculture, Horticulture, Soil Conservation, Animal Hasbandry, Drinking water, Education, Communication, Health, Housing, Cooperation, etc. Besides some special schemes for improvement of communication in primitive tribes areas and construction of Ashram schools are taken up with additional Central assistance.

(d) The amounts provided to the State Governments for development of primitive